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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 4, 2005, imposing a restriction requirement on the claims of the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect claims of group IV (Claims 38-50) without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early notification thereof. Further, Applicants note that upon allowance of the product claims, they will be entitled to rejoinder of process claims that depend from or otherwise include all of the elements of the patentable product.

Taking into account the Labor Day holiday weekend, the deadline for responding to this Office Action was set to expire on September 6, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants believe this response is timely filed. However, should any additional fees be due with this filing, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-2350. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

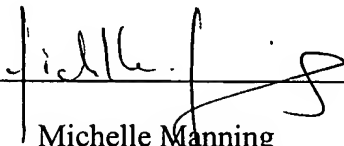
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